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Wildfire Resources: Small Business and Agricultural Producers

Emergency Assistance: Small Business

With the [approval of a major disaster declaration](#) for Oregon, small businesses will be eligible to apply for Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). [Click here](#) to apply for an EIDL.

(Note that even if a small business owner has already received an [EIDL or EIDL advance grant for COVID](#), the owner is eligible to apply again since this is a separate disaster.)

Emergency Assistance: Agricultural Producers

Agricultural producers in or adjacent to counties with disaster designations may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency to help recover from production and physical losses. [Click here](#) for information and application forms.

Recovery Assistance for Agricultural Producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has both technical and financial assistance available to help the recovery of Oregon's producers—including farmers, ranchers, wine growers, wineries, tree farmers, and everything in between. **Below, find important next steps and assistance options.**

[Click here](#) to go straight to the **USDA Disaster Recovery Tool**, which asks five questions to identify USDA programs that will help meet producers' disaster recovery needs.

REPORT LOSS: As Oregon agriculture producers shift to recovery mode and assess the damages to their operation, they should [contact their local USDA Service Center \(click here\)](#) to report a loss and learn more about the various program options available to them. The local office will help producers with the documents needed to help expedite assistance, such as farm records, receipts and pictures of damages and loss.

Agriculture producers with federal crop insurance coverage should contact their crop insurance agent for assistance and report crop damage to their agent **within 72 hours of damage discovery** and follow up in writing within 15 days. [Click here](#) to locate a USDA Risk Management Agent.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers several disaster assistance programs to help offset eligible losses. Click below to learn more about programs specific to your operation:

[Livestock Indemnity Program](#)

[Livestock Forage Program](#)

[Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program](#)

[Emergency Conservation Program](#)

[Emergency Forest Restoration Program](#)

[Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program](#)

[Tree Assistance Program](#)

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offers several programs to help in the recovery process, including the [Environmental Quality Incentives](#) Program (EQIP) and Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) to help fire victims with planning cost-effective post fire restoration practices.

For impacted communities, NRCS' [Emergency Watershed Protection](#) (EWP) program provides vital assistance to local government sponsors to address watershed impairments or hazards such as debris removal and streambank stabilization to prevent further devastation.

For updates: Visit merkle.senate.gov/wildfires for updates on these and other resources as relief becomes available.